MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH : പാലായിൽ നടന്ന ഒരു യോഗത്തിൽ പോലീസുകാർ കൊടി മാറിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ എന്ന ചോദ്യം വന്നതിനു ശേഷം അങ്ങനെ അവിടെ ഒരു യോഗം ഉണ്ടായോ എന്നും കൊടി മാറ്റപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ എന്നും അവിടെ വെച്ച അന്വേഷണം നടത്തുകയുണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR : Yes, Sir.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH : അതിന് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിനു ലഭിച്ച അറിവ്, എന്താണെന്നു പറയാമോ ?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR : The Police report says that the police did not remove it.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH : പോലീസിന്റെ ഉപദേശം അനുസരിച്ച് കൊടി അതു മാറിയെന്നാണ് റിപ്പോർട്ടിൽ പറയുന്നത് ?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR : The organisers removed it at the instance of persuasion by the police.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH : അതു കള്ളമാണെന്നു ഞാൻ പറയുന്നതു വിശ്വസിക്കാൻ തയാറുണ്ടോ ?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR : It is not a question, Sir.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : Is it the policy of Government to persuade the organisers not to hoist the congress flag or any flag for that matter at public meetings ?

PRESIDENT : The Government have passed no law or rule prohibiting the hoisting of flags. But the Government of Travancore have a flag of their own. As a matter of treaty obligation, the British Union Jack is hoisted on certain occasions along with the Travancore Flag and that is so long as the British stay in this country. If and when the British administration goes out of this country there will be only the Travancore Flag. The question whether any other flag may come into operation afterwards is a different matter. Certain flags may be displayed in certain circumstances. But if they are displayed under prohibitive circumstances or under circumstances which are not conducive to discipline or order the police have got the entire right to say that such and such should be removed. But, so far, they have not been armed with powers to remove such flags. But they can persuade the organisers to remove such a flag.

Inter-departmental transfers.

45. * MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the policy of Government in inter-departmental transfers; and

(*b*) whether that is strictly adhered to, if not the deviations made this year ?

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MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR : (*a*) Transfers from one department to another are not made unless on the recommendation of the Head of the Department requiring the services of the officer, and unless the Government are convinced that such a transfer is necessary to enhance the efficiency of the department, and the public interests.

(*b*) Yes.

Reallocation of the wards of the Alleppey Municipal Town.

46. *MR. G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received representations for the reallocation and redistribution of some of the wards of the Alleppey municipal town ; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, what action has been taken on the representation ?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR : (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to (a).

Alwaye Town.

47. * MR. P. O. THOMAS : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Government have any idea of improving and expanding Alwaye town ; and

(*b*) if so, the lines on which that is going to be achieved ?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*a*) The Alwaye Municipal Council has submitted to Government a scheme for improving and expanding the town.

(*b*) The Scheme is under investigation and no decision has been arrived at.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : Am I to take it that the Government have no idea of improving and expanding the Alwaye town on its own initiative ?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR : The Alwaye Municipal Council sent up a scheme for improving the town estimated to cost six lakhs of rupees. That was sent to the Chief Engineer and an investigation committee has been set up to go into the question. Meanwhile, the Commissioner of the Municipal Council has sent up certain proposals for extending the limits of the Municipal Town. That is the stage at which the matter stands at present.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : My question was whether the Government have any idea of improving the Alwaye Municipal Town. So I request Government to give me a direct answer apart from the intention of the Alwaye Municipality taking up this question.

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR : Such a proposal cannot be considered without getting the considered opinion of the several heads of departments.

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